

## TREASON IN THE BODY

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I will always ask for confirmation for the words that I bring, because some of the words that the Lord gives me aren't very pleasant words. They are not pleasant for me to hear or to speak, nor pleasant for you to hear, but I believe that they are from God and that we are living in a serious time. I didn't say critical, I said serious. It is even **more** critical that we hear the Word of God than it was the last time that we were here meeting and talking about the things of the Lord. The escalation of the things in the world, and especially in the Mid-East, just keeps getting worse. They are now threatening more to promote and escalate their carnage and murder to other parts of the world. I believe that it will not be too long before you will be seeing the same destruction that is going on in Lebanon and Israel striking not only the European countries, but also the United States. It was prophesied many, many years ago that this type of destruction was coming to the United States. I can remember, as a young man, hearing this Word, and all the prophecies. Brother C. L. Moore was one who was prophesying in my time of the destruction that was coming in this time. Before I got in on the tail end of some of the other ministries, Brother Allen had his vision of the collapsing of the economy and of the destruction of the United States. Before him, I think Brother Sunday prophesied many things concerning the United States, and I have had the privilege of growing up during that time frame and seeing those things that were prophesied come to pass. I say privilege, because I believe that though we live in perilous times, we are privileged to be living in the time of fullness. We are coming to the end of an age, if we haven't already come to it. There is a thought and a word that is being spoken that September 11<sup>th</sup> wasn't just a major confrontation or attack, but it was also the unleashing of the four spirits that were bound in the River Euphrates (Revelation 9:14-15). We are a privileged people to be privy to the onset of these circumstances that are happening. I think that it is very important for us as people of God, as children of God, those of us here that aspire to be sons, to know the reality of the thing that is upon us. It should heighten our awareness to the fact of the time frame that we are living in and the responsibility that is upon us, as well as the opportunity that we are being offered.

Now, Noah had a burden. I have been thinking a lot about Noah the last several weeks, wondering what kind of a man he was. Have you ever read the Bible and wanted to be in that position or that place? Lord, help me that my response to Noah is different than his neighbor's response was! Many of us, including myself, are probably finding ourselves with the same perspective that Noah's neighbors had of what Noah was doing. There was a Word that this man had that overshadowed his whole existence. I don't know what the extent of Noah's relationship was with God, but I can certainly surmise from the scriptures that it pleased the Lord for the Bible says that his ways pleased the Lord. Certainly then he was a man that had faith, for without faith it is impossible to please the Lord. That means that he believed God.

When you go out on missionary journeys, and you go with seasoned veterans that have been in the ministry for years and years and years, they begin to tell you these stories. It is like you sit around the campfire, and they begin to discuss the things that have happened to them. There is strength and a vitality that comes out of that interaction. There is a need for us to be cognizant of the voice of God. Not just to have a theological position of hearing, or have fellowship with a certain body of people that preach a certain thing that we, in some way or some manner, automatically believe. We have to be cognizant of the voice of God that is ever present in the midst of us, that is wooing us, or drawing us, sometimes almost in a lamenting way, expressing His desire for us to be in a certain place at a certain time. I can't imagine the frustration that some of the old prophets must have experienced. I was reading about Ezekiel. He was commissioned, and was given a Word from God concerning the destruction of Israel. Now, it was a funny thing that half of the house of Israel was already in a place of captivity. Destruction had already come to the house. It wasn't just to that house that he was bringing that word. It was the house of Israel that was going to rise up out of the grave with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was the Blood of the Son of God that was shed abroad that was going to quicken humanity for a particular reason, for a particular purpose. Satan took the truth of that reason, of that purpose, and he hid it, as it were, under a lot, and he made it to be something other than it really was. He made us believe that we could be saved so that we might go to Heaven, when Heaven is something that God wants to bring down out of that realm of the ethereal into the natural realm of our circumstances. The church has been robbed, and it is still being **robbed today**, and the people of God are blinded because of one thing or another, and it becomes something other than just the Blood of Jesus Christ and getting into Heaven. There is a major confrontation that is coming. The Bible is full of a major conflagration of things coming to a point. The Bible says that it is going to be a time of tribulation such as has never been before.

You know, many of us are trying to say that that time of tribulation is way off out there somewhere. I don't believe that it is off out there somewhere. I believe that it is knocking at our doorstep, and that it is going to barge in whether we want it to or not. Sometimes I think that we are more like the ostrich than the eagle. We think that because things were what they were yesterday, and they don't seem so very, very terrible today, that maybe they won't be so bad tomorrow. I personally am coming to the conclusion where I can ask, "Is there going to be a tomorrow?" For the fact of God and eternity, there is something in my thinking that is changing. Now, if that makes me strange, weird, fanatical, or obsessed, so be it, but there is something of a fanaticism that was inherent in the people of God in the historical, biographical accounts that we have concerning their lives. God gave them a position and a place of responsibility, and there were things that were required of them. Hallelujah! We are living in a very wonderful yet very precarious time frame. A very crucial aspect of our life experience can weigh or hinge upon one decision. **ONE DECISION!** You may look back over some of the events that have happened, national disasters, and people made one decision. How many times have you been involved in a situation and you made one decision that was irreversible, irretrievable, and there was disaster and destruction that came out of it? We are living in that type of time frame, I believe, based on the things that God is showing me in the Spirit and by the Spirit.

I cannot even imagine the caliber of men that God had in the Old Testament. They did not have the Blood of Jesus, and yet there was a knowledge, an experience, a relationship that was developed in the aspect of their position and their thought with regard to God. We are talking about the man called Abraham. We are talking about the man called Noah. I can't even imagine! What was it? It must have been something to me like the Blood of Jesus, and accepting Him as my personal Savior, that kind of visitation that must have come to the man (Noah) in a place where hedonism was the order of the day. There was no preacher. Noah was not a preacher, and yet God, some way, somehow, created a desire in him to do anything and everything that he possibly could to achieve that election or the desire that he sensed within the heart of this thing that was called God. How much more could we be on fire for doing those things that are pertinent to ushering in the Kingdom of God? Do you think building mega-churches and conglomerations of congregations, and all of the programs that they have (not that they are not good and not doing things that are necessary) accomplishes a position or a place of achievement that satisfies God? What if it is not in accordance or doing the thing that needs to be done? Will you be able to stand in the midst of hell and still be a testimony of the power of God to save and to redeem to the uttermost?

I ministered some time back out of James 4, and I ministered out of that chapter because of a particular dream that I had. I had been meditating on that dream because it bothered me. It bothered me to think that there is such a position or such a place that I personally could be in, that the Word of God could call me an adulterer, or, what are some of the words that he uses? James 4:4, *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.* Come on! I did not write the scripture. I did not write the concordance that interprets the word that the scripture uses. I suggest that you take your concordance and look up the word *enmity*. Do you know what it means? "Malicious intent." That is what it means. Friendship with the world generates an environment of malicious intent (against God). As I was meditating upon that dream, the Lord spoke a Word to me. He said, "There is treason in the Body." I said, "Lord, You can't be serious. I must not have heard what You said." And He said, "Yes, you heard what I said. There is treason in the Body." And He gave me a natural illustration where you have a country that is at war with another country. Any type of collaboration with the country that you are at war with, whether it be knowingly or unknowingly, is considered treason. Did you know that in the time of war, if you are on guard duty, whether here or abroad, whether on the front line or back line of of the fighting, if you are found sleeping on guard duty, you are considered treasonous? They will court martial you or take you to a tribunal, and do you know that you can be shot for that act of slovenly disposition?

The scripture above is not just describing the act of one sleeping, but it is also describing one that is actively participating or moving toward a certain objective that is not consistent with the objective that is in Christ. Now, I suppose that if we are living in the time of fullness, then that means that all things are becoming full. Isn't that right? If we are living in the time of fullness, then ALL THINGS are working to become full. Romans 8:19 says, *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.* The time that we are in is working to bring forth the position of fullness. It was this thought of fullness and that the sons of God were

maturing, but also that that wasn't the only nature that was working to come to a position of fullness that came to my attention. I ministered some time back on the diversities of the natures that are available to us. You are born with the nature of Adam, under the dominion of Satan, then when you are born-again you enter into a different environment with a different nature (Christ). In Romans it says that those two natures are in opposition to each other. Now, isn't it strange? In Romans 8:5-7, where it begins to deal with the two natures, it uses the same word found in James 4:4, the word *enmity*, and it has the same meaning. G2189 - *ekhthra (ekh'-thrah)*: Feminine of G2190; *hostility*; by implication a reason for *opposition*: enmity, hatred.

It says ***the carnal mind is enmity against God*** (Romans 8:7). The mind of man, the mind that I was born with in the natural arena is not compatible; it is not able to harmonize with the mind of God. Not only is it not able to harmonize, but it cannot harmonize. Do you know what it means by *cannot*? It means my redeemed natural mind **will not** find any place of compatibility with the nature that I was born again with. When you receive the Blood of Jesus Christ, your old nature finds itself at odds with the nature that comes with being born again. Hallelujah! Yet we seem to think that those two natures will live in the same vicinity with each other and somehow find a harmonious working relationship. I don't know how it is that the church has escaped the thought that is reiterated many times in the scriptures. Matthew was very plain in renumerating what it was that Jesus said about those two natures. Matthew 6:24, ***No man can serve two masters***: But we don't believe it. We do not believe it. We believe that we can have one foot over here (world) and one foot over here (Heaven), and be okay. The only thing that it is going to get you is a split personality!

My mother used to say, "He who sits on a rail fence gets stickers in the end." Matthew says you cannot, **cannot**, serve two masters. How is it that we have developed a conscious harmony with the thought that we can? How is it that we have come to the conclusion that we **can** work out some sort of relationship with God and yet remain in a place that is okay as far as the world is concerned? How is it that we have developed a doctrine that substantiates that position? Because there is a nature that you were born with that doesn't want to die! There is a nature that you were born with that doesn't want to submit. There is a nature that you were born with that wants its position or its place of pre-eminence. It wants that position and that place of excellence. It wants the right to live, and you and I have to continually confront and battle with that nature. Hallelujah! But the Word that God gives us in respect to this position of conflict is found in I John 4:4, ***Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*** Hallelujah! I want to be in that place spiritually that I can fellowship with the cloud of witnesses. I understand that they made that fellowship quite easy at the children's camp, and quite visible. I wish that it were just that easy to do. I would like to talk to some of these men. Imagine a man in a land of captivity, and God comes to him, and says to him, "I'm giving you a Word to give to this particular house." And He says, "This house is a hard-hearted, stiff-necked, and a rebellious people" (Ezekiel 3:7,9). What kind of man was that? Yet the man went and did what he was asked to do.

It is like somebody coming out here and telling me, "I want you to build me a four-story building." I have no money, no concrete, and no help. Yet, the expectation is

for me to build that four-story building. I have no hand tools or expertise. Can you imagine Noah? I don't think he was a ship builder by trade! "Okay, Noah! I want you to build Me a boat." "A who? What is a boat?" "Well, it is something that will float on water." "Water? There isn't any water deep enough or big enough for the size of the thing that You want me to build." Come on! God said, "BUILD ME THE BOAT." Oh my. Can you imagine the discussion that evening around the dinner table? "Oh, guess what, wife? Guess what, sons? We are going to build a boat." "A what?" "We are going to build a boat." "What is a boat, Dad?" "I don't know, but we are going to build it." I can kind of hear some of the conversation going! "Wait a minute, Noah. Who is going to take care of my house? How am I going to find time in the midst of doing all of my responsibilities?" "What is it that you want me to do?" "How about the signs from God?" "I've got this important engagement." "Well, I'm sorry, son, cancel your appointment for the next 100 years." "What? You can't be serious?" "Oh yes. I'm just as serious as I can be. God came to me and He told me that we were building a boat!" I could just see them looking at each other! "Dad has finally gone off the deep end." No pun intended. "Dad has finally flipped his cookies." Hallelujah! Yet we know that the man was determined. God is always putting us into a certain set of circumstances, certain situations that are always totally impossible; the very first thing that we start doing is to start making excuses as to why it cannot be done. We start checking things out. "Oh, maybe I could do this over here." We don't really like that place that we are in. We don't really like the thing that we are doing. It is really not doing what it needs to do as far as we are concerned. Or it is not befitting for us to be in that position. So we start thinking, "How do we get out of this thing?" And we think that the thing that we are doing, nobody knows, and **yet God knows**. And you know what? God is talking to somebody else about what you are doing, because He loves you.

Things are coming to a place of fullness, the time of fullness for the sons of God, and we can rejoice and be glad because things are coming to their fullness and the Lord is returning. But there is a place, a scenario, a situation that is developing in the act of His coming. There is a confrontation coming such as the world has never known. Have you any understanding? I wonder what they are thinking about in Tel Aviv. You know, it was still a little ways off from them. What do you think would be the reaction? What do you think would happen if they sent one of those missiles into Tel Aviv? What do you think it would be? I'll tell you what I think it would be. It would be the difference between a minor cut or bruise and a major infection. I think it would be the straw that breaks the camel's back. I think it would infuriate and incite an all-out massive scale war, not only in Lebanon, but I believe also in Syria, because they are not ignorant of what is going on. Now what do you think it is going to do for you? My goodness, just look at your gas pump. It is amazing. They jack the price up to \$2.90 and then they drop it down to \$2.25. And then they send it back up again, and then they drop it down a little lower. And we think, "Oh, it is going back down again." What they are doing is conditioning you. They are just conditioning you! They are getting you ready for the next step. When you think \$2.80 is cheap, you become comfortable in your place of persecution. You become comfortable, not understanding that the spirits of anti-Christ are moving things out there and bringing things to a point, an escalation of what the Bible calls Armageddon. Are you ready for Armageddon? Is the thing that you have in the natural arena going to provide you with a position of peace and security? Are you going

to have safety when the atomic bombs go off in different places around the world? Maybe some of the major U.S. cities.

Brother C. L. Moore prophesied more than 35-40 years ago. He said, “Missiles from Cuba, red on the West Coast.” I think it is Brother Gruver that talks about the invasion that is coming. And we sit back in our own little environment thinking that all of our trouble, all of these tribulations that are going on are some how, in some miraculous way, going to pass right over us and not touch us. From God’s perspective it is not the spirit out there that is resisting the Word of God, but in His mind you are the agent of resistance. **YOU ARE THE AGENT OF RESISTANCE!** You are the focal point of His operations, that you will rise up in some way in the spirit of God to perform the works of God in the midst of destruction. I remember many, many years ago, John Jackson prophesying and preaching off of visions that he was getting for a period of time. Hallelujah! And instead of blessing the Body of Christ, it created some catastrophic organization, and they fed off of him to fatten their own pockets and fill their pews. It did NOTHING to prepare the hearts of the people. Most people don’t even know who he is, or the things that he prophesied.

What does the scripture say about the fathers and the signs of the fathers? Well, the New Testament talks about “eating, drinking, and giving in marriage” (Matthew 24:38). What was Belshazzar doing the night of the collapse of his total empire? It doesn’t say that he was taken into captivity. The Scripture says that he was killed. Yet, out of the midst of destruction, one man got by. Daniel was a man after God’s heart. Hallelujah! Can you imagine what it must have been like to be in the presence of Daniel? Do you think he would have been pleased with my behavior? Do you think that my hard head, slow understanding, and my propensity to move against the will of the Spirit as he was tutoring me and lecturing me and teaching me about the things of the Kingdom would have pleased Daniel? How much more would it please God? We have nothing in which we can boast of with regard to the job that God has given us. Do you know that this church building exists on the basis of a Word that is for the end of time? Do you understand that? It came into being on the basis of that particular Word. God spoke it. God spoke it! There was nothing here. **Nothing.** A bunch of weeds and dirt that nobody wanted. How many times has somebody told me, “Oh, that dirt, it is not worth anything.” “Pasture, maybe. Grow cows.” I said, “I don’t want to grow cows, I want to grow sheep.” And yet God spoke it. Hallelujah! I’m trying to get to a thought. I do know that we are living in the time of the fullness. All things, all things, ALL THINGS are coming to their fullness. The sons of God are coming to a place of fullness, as is the spirit of the sons of perdition.

You know, with the passing of every generation there is a spiritual heritage that is bequeathed, whether good or evil. There were many in my family who had dreams that my father was going to pass before he actually died. In the dreams, he was coming and knocking on the different doors of my family members. I know what it would say. It would say all of the familiar things that were pertinent to my father’s existence, those familiar spirits that have had control over his life were now looking for another place to inhabit. All those things that he was involved in, those things that were against God, those things were coming to visit. I went down on my face before God in prayer, and I said, “It shall not be so! It shall not be so! I have a right and I have a covenant with the

living God that those spirits have no position, no place, no harmony, no right!" My children and my grandchildren were not called to fulfill the will of hell; they were called to fulfill the will of God. They were called for a time, they were called for a position, to be raised up out of the midst of their graves. Hallelujah! That objective is to stop and to contend with the forces of hell, not to be conformed to the image and likeness of perdition. Hallelujah! How much contending are we doing? Or how much are we collaborating? I told somebody recently, "You know, for everything that one person does, for every decision that one person makes, somebody else is going to pay for it if it is the wrong decision." I cannot do anything to this body and expect that the rest of my body does not feel it no matter how small or minute. I've got this little sliver right here in my hand, this little stick right here, and it doesn't look like much, but my goodness! It bothers my whole body. I said, "How can something so small and so insignificant cause me so many problems?" God answered, "Because it is a piece that is a part of the whole. What one part feels, the whole bears the iniquity of the part." My God! Do you know that Jesus took your infirmities upon Himself? Your infirmities, He took them upon Himself. What does that mean? Well, if you go into the Bible, and you look at it and examine the words, it means that it is just like Him taking off your coat and putting it upon His shoulders.

Jesus met the man with the son who had schizophrenia - I don't know what else to call it - the lunatic who would cast himself down into the fire and start foaming at the mouth. And when He ministered to the lunatic, the lunacies that were in the man came upon Him. But He had the virtue to overcome, He had the character, He had to have the utterance of God in Him to such a degree that He was able to shake it off. Just shake it off! What did you think He meant when He said the devil was coming and finds nothing? John 14:30, *Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.* He was sold out, do you hear me? He was sold out! HE WAS SOLD OUT! Come on! **SOLD OUT!** No hidden aspirations, no hidden desire, no hidden wants or wills. It was just *not my will, but thine, be done* (Luke 22:42). Do you think it was a moment, a twinkling of an eye that He came to that place that gave Him the ability to hang on the cross? To say, "Not my will, but Thine be done"? He had been doing it all along, through the whole process of His life. They came to Him and they said, "Your mother, your father, your brothers, your sisters, they are outside." He said, "These are my brethren" (Matthew 12:47-49). This man had reached the plateau; he had come to the next level of his existence. There is a theology in the church that says, "God first, family second, church third." How can you put the church under family, when the church is supposed to **be** your family? Church is supposed to be the thing that is being developed in the family relationship! Hallelujah! I don't believe that we really consider, much less understand, the totality of the thing that is being required of us.

God said to me that there is treason in the Body. **Treason.** I said, "God, it can't be so. It can't be so." He said, "**There is treason in the Body.**" I ministered on the two natures that we can possess. The nature of sin, and the nature of God. The nature of sin goes by the name of the spirit of perdition. How do you think that Judas was able to do what he did? What do you think were the mechanics that were involved in the process of operation that brought him to that place of perdition? Do you think it was just sudden inspiration that he was going to betray the Son of God? Do you think it was manifesting

itself? Do you think the disciples were ignorant of Judas' behavior? These men lived together. They traveled around the country together. They heard Christ say, "Have I not chosen twelve of you and one of you is a thief?" (John 6:70). Do you think that there was a lot of self-examination going on? Or do you think that there was a lot of finger pointing? The problem then and now, is that there is a lot of finger pointing and no self-examination. The scriptures say that every man must examine himself (I Corinthians 11:28). The truth of the matter is that they all had the same potential, and they all had the same nature. They were all without the Blood, sold in sin, they all had the nature of anti-Christ. Why do you think Peter could do what he did? Why do you think they all fled in the garden? Every one of them fled! **Every one of them fled!** Every one of them, even John, not one of them stood by Him! What do you think is going to happen in the end times? What are they going to do to the sons of God? And who is going to do it? What nature do you think is working in the members of the Body of Christ? It is not only the Spirit of God coming to a position, a place of pre-eminence, that are called sons of God, but also the nature of the spirit of perdition working, working, working. We are doing all sorts of things that move us into an electoral candidate position of perdition. But God has His preachers preaching the Word, so we cannot say that we did things ignorantly and without knowledge. That is why the man in the wedding feast that had no wedding garment was without excuse.

There was a confrontation that Jesus had with Judas, continually, throughout his relationship with the man. You know, I can see Jesus talking to Judas. "Some of the things that you are doing, they are just not right. It's just not right. Why are you doing this? You need to stop doing this, and you need to start paying attention to something else." I think that the more that Judas sinned, the more love that God poured out upon him, and the more He reached out to him in hope that maybe somehow, against the knowing, against the **knowing...** I can't even imagine hope that works against the knowledge of God - knowing! It's like you know it, you know that you know it, and yet, you are hoping that it is not so.

I watch my grandchildren as they struggle with parental authority. I think that my grandchildren have been the best teachers, with regard to exposing my position of weakness with the Father, because I am able to be more abstract. Do you understand? I'm not so involved continually, day in, day out, hour after hour. I am able to sit back and I am able to look at it and I see them wrestling, wrestling, wrestling. I see the natures rising up within them to usurp their position of righteousness. I ponder, "Oh God, this thing, this entity that is moving in the midst of their flesh, it is anti-Christ. Deliver me, that they might be delivered. Rescue me, that they might be rescued." I don't understand it. But there are certain spirits that were apportioned to me to overcome. Now, when I say overcome, I mean to destroy them. I mean to utterly destroy them. There are certain spirits that are given into my authority because it is destined, it is ordained of God that I overcome them. But do you know something? There are some spirits that are not my responsibility, for whatever reason. I don't understand the economy of God. I know of certain familiar spirits that I personally have overcome that I have not destroyed. I have cut them off for myself, but there are other spirits that it was not given to me to do so. It was given to my children. I have a responsibility to pray that they have the strength and integrity of God to move under the auspices of the Holy Ghost, to rise up in the strength of God and to smite the devil, to bring down his kingdom. And if they don't do it, then



one of my grandchildren is going to do it. Hallelujah! So it is just as important for me to pour God into my grandchildren. Not more of Asbill, but more of God. MORE OF GOD! MORE OF GOD! I will not encourage that nature that is contrary. Hallelujah! It is anti-Christ by nature. Hallelujah!

There is a spirit working in the Body, and it is the spirit of betrayal. I think Judas was doing all sorts of things. Maybe taking little pennies at first - dimes and quarters. Maybe he graduated to dollars. And then he went to five dollars, and then he saw the thirty pieces of silver. Step by step, inch by inch, moving toward the place of no return. He finally came to the demarcation line, and God said, "To whom I give the sop" (John 13:26). I can't even imagine being at the table with Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ saying, "One of you is going to betray Me." And they say, "Who is it, Lord? Who is going to betray Thee?" He says, "Unto whom I giveth the sop." God help me, if He reached in there, I would be backing away from that table so fast. "I don't want it! Don't give it to me, I don't want it!" But you see, he had reached the line. Everything that could be done was done. Can you imagine God coming to a place where He is not able to do anything anymore? He has got to release him. Release him! ***That thou doest, do quickly*** (John 13:27), and he took the sop. You know, it is the drinking of the water (Judges 7:4-7) in a different scenario, on a different level, and yet the same spiritual significance. He took the sop. And when he took it, what happened? He came to fullness. Satan entered into him. He stood there before Christ, and nobody else was aware. Nobody else knew a thing. Nobody else knew what happened. They thought he was taking care of some business that the Master had sent him on. Just the act, just the doing, just a simple thing like taking the sop, and we think drinking water is simple? Someone that you love, someone that you cherish, someone that you think that you have a relationship with takes your sop, and he took it and he ate it.

We are talking about the situation in Hebrews. Hebrews talks about the unpardonable sin. Hebrews 6:4, ***For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, <sup>5</sup>And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, <sup>6</sup>If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*** Jesus said in Ephesians 1:17, "I pray," what? ***That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: <sup>18</sup>The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.*** His inheritance, NOT YOURS! We want to take our position of preeminence, the position that Satan took in the realm of God, into the realm of Heaven. Well, it is not allowed. The man was there in the midst of the wedding feast, and the wedding steward said, "Friend, friend, where is your wedding garment?" He had nothing to say. In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye... I don't think it was vindictive. I don't think it was a vindictive, "Cast him out into outer darkness!" (Matthew 22:11-13). We are not just talking about a little inconsequential thing here. We are talking about something that is very real and vital. I don't want to be like Hezekiah, to be so afraid of dying that he gives away the kingdom (II Kings 20:1). He gives it away! Hallelujah! He gives it away just for the sake of living.

We sing a song, “If I perish, I perish, for I am going to see the king.” I would rather perish on that basis than be so afraid of dying, like unto those that are referred to in Hebrews, who through the fear of death kept them where? In bondage! (Hebrews 2:15) Oh my goodness, we do so many things on the basis of dying, and wanting to stay alive. “I want just another week!” “God, give me another day!” “I want another month!” A month comes and, “God, give me another month.” Another month comes and, “Give me another year, God.” And all the time, the nature of anti-Christ is growing, and you are wreaking destruction for those that will come after you. I don’t want to be like Hezekiah. It was recorded for a reason. It was stated as a fact so that you and I might know the frivolousness of living in a dead state.

Hebrews 6:4, *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost...* It says, “It is impossible for those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift...” What are we talking about? We are talking about life. We are talking about the resurgence of God in the midst of our flesh, the reviving of our spirit, as the Holy Ghost comes down and begins to fill our being and we move into the realm of Heaven. Hallelujah! We see visions. We hear prophecy. Hallelujah! We hear an unction and an anointing coming forth out of the Word of God. We are redeemed spiritually. It is impossible for a man who is not born again to see the Kingdom of God, but if he is born of the water and the Blood, can you imagine? (John 3:3,5) Not only will he see it, but he can enter therein. Hallelujah! But it is impossible... Just like you can reach a point in your development of that nature of sin in man, he has developed to such a point that he becomes a dog. Hallelujah! <sup>5</sup>*And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, <sup>6</sup>If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.* “To renew them again to repentance” means that everything that has been made available has been used up. It is gone. There is nothing else left that will bring conviction and repentance. There is no magic potion. That is why Philippians says, “With fear and trembling work out our salvation” (Philippians 2:12). Work out our salvation with what? Fear and trembling. Hallelujah!

It starts with anything - inconsideration for members of the Body of Christ. Going contrary! Going contrary! Do you know that this body condemns us? Maybe Sister Ona can tell us sometime, but if you are injured, and there is a weakness in your body, your body responds to that weakness. Does it not, either chemically or mechanically? Responds for what purpose? For restoring and refreshing and giving strength to that position of health and vitality. Isn’t that the way that the Body is supposed to work? Your body condemns you when you move contrary to the Spirit of God. If what you are doing is not refreshing, refurbishing, and bringing it to a place of health, if you are working contrary, your body condemns you. It is unfortunate. There is too much of that, and it is all on the basis of self-preservation. Shari, you had a good children’s word. I particularly liked the pig. I think it was very apropos, because we are talking about two very distinct natures, the pig nature and the Son of God. Isn’t that where the man who had the inheritance found himself, with pigs? At least he had the spiritual wherewithal to come to some consciousness of his condition. He never seemed to like the pig walk. Hallelujah!

There is a particular Word that God is bringing to us as a Church. He has been bringing this Word, not just through me. I have had some part of it, I suppose, in some degree, but others have brought it for many years. Do you know that? **Some of us are at the mark of demarcation.** I don't believe that God would bring a Word like that unless we were coming to the line of demarcation. There is a position and a place where if we step and make a wrong decision, the consequences of that decision are irreversible. It will set in motion a series of events that will bring us deeper and deeper and deeper until we are suddenly confronted with the 30 pieces of silver. May God help us to have an understanding and a conviction. Might we smite ourselves, and afflict ourselves for the purposes and the benefit of God, that we might come to a place of understanding, and if we are found guilty, that we would repent. God bless you.